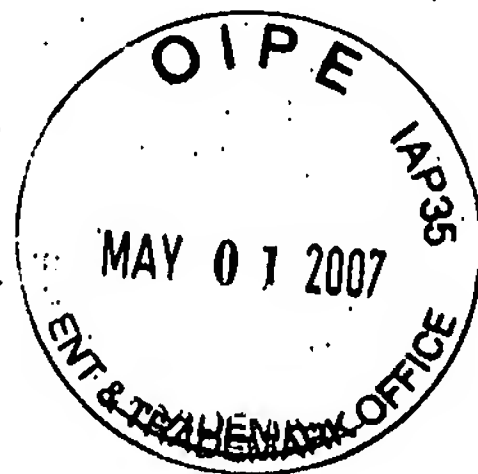
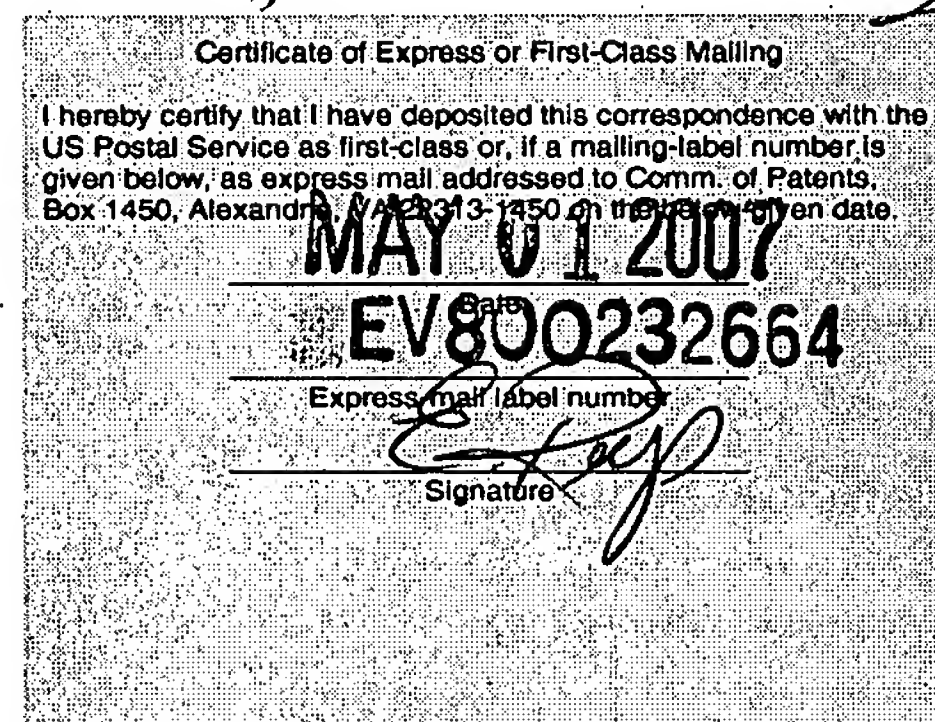


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SECOND AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed
02 April 2007.

Applicant herewith elects claims 1 - 49, the method of
Group I, with traverse.

This is a PCT national-phase application governed by the
different PCT unity-of-invention rules outlined in 37 CFR 1.475.
This Rule provides that: "An international or national stage
application containing claims to different categories of invention
will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are
drawn only to one of the following combinations of categories:

(1) A product and a process specially adapted for the
manufacture of said product.

Here it is beyond cavil that we have a product and a process for manufacturing the product. Thus claims 1-54 rightly should remain in the case.

An action on the merits of claims 1-54 is awaited.

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